

# SUSAN LINDHEIM, MD

PEDIATRICS, EAST BAY AREA

## 2009 Sidney R. Garfield, MD EXCEPTIONAL CONTRIBUTION AWARD

The Local Employee Assistance Fund (LEAF) was created by KP Richmond administrators in 1988 to provide confidential support and money to employees and volunteers during financial hardship. However, with funds raised primarily from yard and bake sales, LEAF's ability to help was limited.

Susan Lindheim, MD, knew that raising more money would help more members of her Richmond "family," and their families, in need. In 2002, Dr. Lindheim's husband, Allen Fischer, died 14 years after receiving a heart transplant.

Dr. Lindheim started an annual tradition – donating to LEAF in her husband's memory, and requesting contributions from physicians and others. Since 2002, the Fund has helped more than 150 employees, and Dr. Lindheim works to expand the program to Oakland and to facilities throughout the region.

